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line 11, after "as" insert --a--;

line 13, change "apparatus" to --apparatuses--;

line 14, change "use and for example, there is"

to --use. For example, there is a--; and

line 23, delete "the".

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line 20, after "of" (1st occurrence) insert

--the--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 7 as follows:

Claim 1,

line 15, after "the" insert --same--.

Claim 7,

line 10, change the data line" to --the same data line--.

Please add Claims 12-21 as follows:

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a control apparatus via signal transmitting means comprising:

discriminating means for discriminating whether or not a predetermined request signal is received from said control apparatus, wherein said discriminating means detects the signal level of said signal transmitting means connected to the control apparatus and is powered by the control apparatus via the same signal transmitting means; and

control means for controlling supply of an electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit once said discriminating means discriminates a presence of the predetermined request signal.

- 13. An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said control apparatus comprises a computer.
- 14. An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said transmitting means comprises at least one signal line.
- 15. An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said discriminating means detects a predetermined combination of

signal levels of said signal transmitting means is powered by the control apparatus via the same signal transmitting means.

- 16. An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said predetermined circuit includes a camera circuit.
- 17. An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said predetermined circuit includes an image pickup means.

18. A peripheral apparatus which can be connected to a control apparatus via signal transmitting line comprising:

whether or not a predetermined request signal is received from said control apparatus, wherein said discriminating circuit detects the signal level of said signal transmitting line connected to the control apparatus and is powered by the control apparatus via the same signal transmitting line; and

control circuit for controlling supply of an electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit once said discriminating circuit discriminates a presence of the predetermined request signal.

19. An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said control apparatus comprises a computer.

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